

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of the Regular Board of Police Commissioners Meeting Thursday, August 5, 2004

Amended

The regular meeting of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners was held on Thursday, August 5, 2004, at 3:00 p.m., at Police Headquarters, 1300 Beaubien – Rm. 328-A, Detroit, Michigan 48226.

ATTENDANCE

Board Members Present

Erminia Ramirez
Jim Holley
Megan Norris
Willie Hampton
Arthur Blackwell (ABS)

Department Personnel Present

Chief Ella M Bully-Cummings
Commander Ralph Godbee
Commander Walter Martin
2nd DC Deborah Robinson
Insp. Jamie Fields
Insp. Janice Butler
Insp. Todd Bettison

Board Staff Present

Dante' L. Goss, Executive Director
E. Lynise Bryant-Weekes, Personnel Director
Denise R. Hooks, Attorney/Supervising Inv.
Arnold Sheard, Interim Chief Investigator

OTHERS PRESENT

Ron Scott
Rick Jones
Michael Payne (WJR Radio)
Alicia Jones (Law Department)
Sandy Kanakis

RECORDERS

Jerome Adams
Veronica Crouch

1. CALL TO ORDER

Comm. Ramirez called the regular meeting of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners to order at 3:15 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- ♦ **Thursday, July 22, 2004**
Thursday, July 29, 2004

MOTION: **Comm. Holley** made the motion to approve the above Minutes.

SECOND: **Comm. Hampton** supported the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

3. REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

Comm. Ramirez introduced resolutions honoring members of the Detroit Police Department. Comm. Holley made a motion to support the resolutions. Motion supported.

4. SECRETARY'S REPORT – EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR GOSS

CITIZEN COMPLAINTS RECEIVED

	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
2004 - Weekly Count of Complaints:	41	979
2003 - Weekly Count of Complaints:	27	776

5. REPORT/PRESENTATION – CHIEF OF POLICE

DETROIT POLICE DEPARTMENT

REPORT TO THE
BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

Vision Statement

BUILDING A SAFER DETROIT THROUGH COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS.

The Detroit Police Department is committed to uphold its mission to provide a safe environment for our residents and businesses. This effort is not possible without the joint commitment of the community and the Police Department. We appreciate and value the role our citizens have played in helping us to take guns and drugs off the streets of the city of Detroit.

SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS

During the period of July 28th – August 3rd, the *Narcotics Enforcement and Conspiracy Sections* conducted 67 enforcement actions within the boundaries of the city of Detroit, resulting in the following arrests and confiscations:

46 Felony arrests
121 Misdemeanor arrests
2 Juveniles detained
1,710.7 Grams of cocaine, 174.9 grams of heroin, and 2,030.1 grams of marijuana - street value \$1,007,220.00
\$23,758.00 U.S. currency
3 Miscellaneous Ordinances issued
6 Handguns confiscated
3 Long guns confiscated
22 Vehicles confiscated

On July 31st, the *Vice Section* conducted enforcement actions within the boundaries of the Fourth, resulting in the following arrests and citations:

17 Arrests for Disorderly Conduct-Flagging
3 Arrests for Offer to Engage
5 Arrests for Admitting and Receiving
7 Vehicles confiscated

Crime Statistics

City-wide, crime is down by 2.14% compared to 2003. The total violent crimes show a decrease of 6.7% over 2003.

Police Community Intervention

THIRD PRECINCT

On August 2nd, officers of the 3rd Precinct responded to Junction and Hedwig, for a person wanted for several armed robberies. Upon arrival, the officers observed a man matching the description. As a result of their investigation and a short foot chase, **the man was arrested for "Carrying a Concealed Weapon." A loaded blue steel revolver was confiscated.**

FIFTH PRECINCT

On July 28th, while on patrol in the area of Kitchner and Freud, officers of the 5th Precinct observed a man toss a black object to the ground and walk away. Upon investigation, the object was found to be a gun. The man was wearing a bulletproof vest. **The man was arrested for "Carrying a Concealed Weapon." An American Body Armor bullet resistant vest and a defaced, loaded blue steel revolver were confiscated.**

EIGHTH PRECINCT

On July 27th, while on patrol in the area of Mansfield and Hessel, officers of the 8th Precinct observed a traffic violation. As the officers approached the vehicle, they observed the driver give the passenger a black object, which she placed beneath her seat. **As a result, both were arrested for "Carrying a Concealed Weapon-Motor Vehicle." A blue steel revolver was confiscated.**

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

On August 3rd, the Police Community Services Unit, along with the precincts, organized Detroit's National Night Out. **National Night Out is designed to heighten awareness of crime and drug prevention, generate support and participation in anti-crime efforts, and strengthen the police-community partnership.** It is co-sponsored nationally by **Brinks Home Security**. A number of community events are held to caption the awareness.

TRAINING

On August 3rd, the Special Response Team began a series of training courses regarding **"Barricaded Gunman" and "Incident Command" procedures to members from various precincts.** This training is ongoing.

On July 29th&30th, the State of Michigan conducted two *Train the Trainer* courses to members from precincts & bureaus, on the **"Law Enforcement Information Network (LEIN)."**

On August 3rd, the **Police Community Services Unit conducted a training course on “Personal Safety” to employees at Hutzel Women’s Hospital.** The purpose of this training is to educate and provide information regarding personal safety in and out of the workplace.

CHIEF OF POLICE ELLA M. BULLY-CUMMINGS

Questions & Answers

Comm. Norris stated that the 7th precinct has had very favorable responses to the changes in leadership at the 7th precinct from the citizens. She also asked the Chief to clarify some of the changes that took place upon the reorganization.

Chief Bully-Cummings responded that there was a new entity created, the Office of the Executive Duty Officer and Field Duty Officer. It’s designed to ensure that we have executive coverage during the off hours. Most of our serious crimes occur between 10 pm and 3 am.

Comm. Ramirez asked if that’s the position that used to rotate.

Chief Bully-Cummings responded that it still rotates on the weekend. It was designed for four commanders and two inspectors, and the city was working in core zones. Each Commander was given 3 zones and each field duty officer was given half the city or six precincts. The Inspector (which is the Field Duty Officer), works from 7 pm to 3 am. The Commander works from 5 pm to 1 am. And this is done to make sure there executive leadership during the hours where crimes are most likely to occur during the week. We’ve maintained our field duty and executive duty on Saturdays and Sundays and that is what is being rotated during the rest of the command .

Comm. Ramirez asked if it used to all rotate.

Chief Cummings responded that it rotated where one person was assigned for seven days of Field Duty. Also the other one is the curriculum and Research Development section which is a direct report to the 2nd Deputy of the Training Division and that is strictly because of the Consent Decrees. Homeland Security Coordinator – We’ve always had a Homeland Security Coordinator and it was a dual function that DC Ron Haddad was performing and because there is a greater full focus under this administration patrol operations, I need this attention directed to the precincts 100%, and so that function was pulled down and Commander Kohls has been assigned that responsibility in addition to being a leading executive on a lot of major events that are forthcoming to the City, such

as the Super Bowl and All-Star game. The Narcotics Section, there is an asterisk by that and that's because Conspiracy and Enforcement was collapsed into one.

Comm. Ramirez asked about the plan AC Shoulders previously mentioned, to rotate the Commanding Officers in the precincts.

Chief Cummings said there was no exact numbers, they are just trying to make sure there is a diversity in the community. They are putting in place, people who share the same vision in pushing this department forward and who are still dedicated and passionate to getting the job done. Officers in the precincts work hard and they want and deserve leadership.

Comm. Ramirez spoke on the concerns of the residents of the 4th precinct regarding the closing of the 4th precinct building. She suggested a mass mailing to the residents to communicate what's going on so they don't feel like they're not being told what's going on.

Chief Bully-Cummings responded that she has drafted a letter to the Southwest community that was placed in the various papers and was translated. AC Shoulders is meeting with some of the Hispanic leaders to explain the new map of the precincts to them. There were also supposed to be radio transmissions over the weekend.

7. APPROVAL OF GENERAL ORDERS

- **Directive 102.6: Citizen Complaint**

MOTION: **Comm. Norris** made the motion to approve the above Directive.

SECOND: **Comm. Hampton** seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

Comm. Norris made a motion to authorize the acceptance of the grant for a donation of four mountain bikes for use in the seventh precinct

Comm. Holley supported the motion.

All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

Comm. Holley asked for an update on the Consent Decrees.

Comm. Norris gave a short summary on the Consent Decrees and stipulated that they should probably request an update in the form of a presentation from the Commanding Officer, Bert Campbell, who is overseeing this at one of the meetings in the near future. There are two Consent Decrees. The first is Condition of Confinement and the second is the Use of Force. It will probably be a while before we are in complete compliance. A request had been made to extend the time to get all in order.

Chief Bully-Cummings stipulated that to keep the Commission abreast, she will ask DC Campbell if after the end of each status report, if he would come in and give a presentation at the following meeting.

Comm. Ramirez inquired as to why she has seen so many officers without their hats in the summer heat. She wondered what could be done for them.

Chief Bully-Cummings responded that she issued a teletype that officers did not have to wear their hats during the summer months. She also added that they are issued two hats (a summer hat and a winter hat).

9. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday, August 15, 2004, @ 6:30 p.m.
St. Johns Presbyterian Church
1961 E. Lafayette
Detroit, MI 48207

10. ORAL COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE

Bernice Smith commented on the voluntary actions of a few Police Officers who stepped in to direct traffic and carry heavy boxes with ballots into the building for some of the senior women and would like for them to be recognized.

Chief Cummings accepted the information.

Comm. Holley commented on the parking lot problem on election night at the 12th precinct.

Chief Bully-Cummings responded that Election night was also the night for the 12th precinct to launch their National Night Out campaign, but she was made aware of the problem

Ron Scott requested an update on the efforts of recruiting officers of color and diversity.

Comm. Norris responded that Comm. Blackwell has set that as his platform for the year and it would probably be best to talk with him on that issue.

Meeting Adjourned at 3:48 pm.

DANTE' L. GOSS
Executive Director
Board of Police Commissioners

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